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IN BRIEF——

DFAC Shuttle Closes

The current DFAC Shuttle operated by the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron will cease operation at midnight Sunday. This service will now be offered by KBR who will institute a 24-hour base shuttle. For questions or comments, please contact the Vehicle Operations Superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Tom Gilmore, at 445-2430.

Badge Wear

Per 407th Air Expeditionary Group policy, everyone must display their restricted area badges when in Tent City. Personnel will wear their badges above waist-level at all times both in and out of uniform. If there are any questions regarding this policy, please contact your unit first sergeant.

Zip Code Change

The zip code for Tallil Air Base has changed to 09331. This change effects all in bound and out bound mail. All mail with the 09358 zip code will still be re-directed here until CENTCOM closes the zip code. People with questions regarding this change may contact the post office at 445-2228.

No Baby Wipes In Latrines

The 407th Civil Engineering Squadron's Utilities Shop is requesting that people who use the latrines here in Tallil refrain from using baby wipes in the facilities. Flushing the material down the drains casues severe problems with the wastewater distribution system and lagoons. Please remember to toss used baby wipes into a trash container after use.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jeff Andrejcik

Chief Master Sgt. Roger Evans, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron has his stripes tacked on Dec. 31 during the January promotion ceremony. Ten enlisted members selected for promotion during the month were recognized during the Big Top ceremony.

407th AEG recognizes January promotees in Big Top ceremony

By Master Sgt. Don Perrien

407th AEG Public Affairs

Airmen from the 407th Air Expeditionary Group were presented with new stripes Dec. 31 during the January enlisted promotion ceremony held at the Big Top here in tent city.

Ten enlisted members with promotion dates effective in December had their new rank tacked on by friends and co-workers as a crowd of more than 100 people were on hand to show their support.

The monthly enlisted promotion ceremony was hosted by the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron. The squadron developed the script, and provided volunteers for the event including the masters of ceremony.

"The 407 ECS counts it both an honor and a privilege to participate in an important time-honored event such as the enlisted promotion ceremony," said Master Sgt. Steve Moore, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron first sergeant.

"These promotees will look back after many years and remember that they were promoted while deployed and serving their country in southern Iraq," he said. "We are simply thrilled that we were afforded the opportunity to be a part of such a significant event."

The event began with the presentation of the colors, and a rendition of the national anthem. Afterwards, the Airmen selected for promotion were called one-by-one to the stage where they were presented with a certificate and a pair of stripes for their new rank including the group's newest Chief.

"I really liked the promotion ceremony; this is really good for our young troops," said Chief Master Sgt. Roger Evans, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. "They will know it doesn't matter where you are, you are still going get your promotion.

"As a new Chief, I want to make sure all my troops get the training they need to move up and on time," Chief Evans said. "And when they're selected, I like seeing them getting their promotion."

The next promotion ceremony for the 407th AEG is scheduled to be held at the end of this month for Airmen selected for promotion in February.

Around Tallil Air Base

Often times our professionalism is measured in how we wear our uniform. Unfortunately, many of us are not as professional as we should be regarding our dress and appearance while we're deployed.

Some people mistakenly believe there's a separate uniform code that applies only while they're deployed. That's simply not the case.

While there are specific allowances made for uniform items worn here at Tallil Air Base and throughout the AOR, these allowances are made in recognition of mission requirements, not fashion or because there's a lower standard of dress and appearance while you're TDY.

Everyone assigned to the 407th Air

Expeditionary Group should be mindful of the rules for uniform wear set by the Air Force in AFI 36-2903 and by local policy in established directives, and in the Tent City rules published on the intranet.

Remember that the men and women serving in today's Air Force set the standard for air forces around the world. While we're deployed here to Tallil, we work side by side with our sister services and coalition forces. These people often shape their perception of our Air Force by how they perceive us.

Integrity is a core value of our Air Force. One small measure of that integrity is in how we wear our uniform, and in how we council fellow Airmen who fail to uphold our service's uniform standards.

The next time you step out of your tent, make sure your appearance shows you care about the image you represent for our Air Force. If you see a fellow Airman who needs some help in meeting these standards, don't hesitate to pull them aside and let them know how to resolve the problem.

This week, there are a lot of new faces joining our group here at Tallil. I encourage everyone to help these new arrivals out and

make their acclimation to the 407th AEG a successful one.

One of the first things new arrivals should do is be aware of the rules and policies governing our conduct while assigned to the 407th AEG. The Tallil AB policies, guidelines and Tent City policies are available from the home page of our intranet. Please take the time to become familiar with these documents, they're the key to having a safe and successful deployment.

Tallil Talks ...

The NFL playoffs start this week, who do you think will win the Super Bowl?



Staff Sgt.

John Schildgen

407th ESFS

Force Protection:

"The Philadelphia Eagles,
because they have a
strong running game and
the best quarterback in the
NFC."



Captain
Tammy France,
407th AEG Staff:
"This is about football,
isn't it?"



Major
Brett Herman,
407th Safety Office:
"The Minnesota Vikings.
They have the best offense in the NFC and their defense will shine in the playoffs."



Master Sgt.
Don Perrien,
407th AEG Public Affairs:
"Michael Vick will lead the
Atlanta Falcons to the
Super Bowl and a narrow
victory over the
Indianapolis Colts and
Peyton Manning."



The Tullil Times

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Airmen continue delivering relief to Thailand

PHUKET, Thailand (AFPN) — As the calendar turned a new year, the aid delivered by Airmen of the 353rd Special Operations Group to communities on Thailand's southwest coast approached 100 tons.

Four MC-130s and 100 Airmen from the group continue to pump vital relief supplies into strategic cities located along the devastated coastline.

Thai officials are still identifying life-sustaining supplies such as medicine, tarps for shelter, bandages and water, as top priorities. Two massive aircraft hangers on the east side of Bangkok's sprawling airport are the collection location for donations nationwide. Trucks are taking nonperishable supplies to the coastal cities 10 hours away. In a matter of two days, donations from around the kingdom have outpaced all airlift capabilities

Here in Thailand's largest tourist destination, the situation is dire. Upwards of 5,000 dead have been found along the coast, and Thailand's prime minister warns that number may double as outlying islands are fully examined. While this resort town was smashed by killer waves, islands offshore, like Phi Phi and Kao Lak, were completely decimated.

Lt. Col. David Mobley, from the 17th Special Operations Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Japan, is the deployed mission commander in Bangkok.

"With limited aircrews, a skeleton maintenance squad, a few spare parts and almost no support functions, the work carried out by this team is amazing," he said. "Every Airman here understands that to be doing anything else right now just wouldn't seem right."

The Americans are not alone. The Royal Thai air force has mobilized its forces and is also busy hauling life-saving cargo south.

Thai aviators have accompanied U.S. aircrews on flights to many of the remote airfields to facilitate entry, unloading of supplies and departure. Airmen involved int he operation said it has been a huge success.

"We've enjoyed very quick turnarounds because the Thais know these fields like the back of their hands," one said. "Their experience is invaluable to us getting our jobs done. With less than one day's notice, we rolled in here and began operating out of their offices and their neighborhoods like we were old friends."

An Airman assigned to the 1st Special Operations Squadron, said his impact was

brought home his first day here.

"Bringing a dozen litter patients back to Bangkok was by far the most meaningful thing I've done," he said. "The sincere thanks and absolute gratitude of people whose lives have been crushed was amazing. I'll never forget it."

As a one-man ringleader, a loadmaster here directs pallets onto the aircraft every day.

"The supplies we're loading into these planes are having a huge impact on millions of people's lives today," he said. "If it's a temporary shelter for a family of five or vaccinations for 50,000, these things are important right now. It's humbling to be a part of this assistance."

The Airmen in Bangkok are under the direction of Joint Task Force 536. The task force is coordinating U.S. military relief efforts in the region and will enable leaders on the ground to maximize the efforts of people and resources.

As the new year began, the devastation in Southeast Asia was just beginning to be understood. The fatality total has reached 150,000, and continues to climb. With such dire situations on the ground, the Airmen here said they can only hope their efforts can make a difference.



Photo by Master Sgt. Don Perrien

Major Acquisition

Major Ray Barben recites the oath of office from 407th Air Expeditionary Group Commander Col. Wade Johnson following his appointment to the rank of Major. Major Barben is the commander of the 407th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron here at Tallil Air Base, Iraq.

Iraq Newslink 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing



Kirkuk ATC tower gets \$2 million upgrade

By Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman

506th AEG Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq — The air traffic control tower here received \$2 million in upgrades recently, giving controllers in the tower state-of-the-art equipment to communicate with aircraft flying missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Kirkuk was the first base in Iraq to install an Enhanced Terminal Voice System, which consolidated several communication devices into a single unit, according to Tech. Sgt. Rease Wold, manager of the ATC upgrade project for the 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron here.

"The Enhanced Terminal Voice System replaced all of the existing communications capabilities in the tower with DoD standardized equipment and user interfaces," said Sergeant Wold, who is deployed here from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. "The controller interfaces consolidate all air-to-ground and ground-to-ground communications onto a single screen and are available in each control position in the tower."

Controllers using the new equipment said it makes their jobs easier, and they are grateful for the upgrade.

"With our old system, we had 16 different communication devices," said Airman 1st Class Guy Miller, a 506th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron controller deployed from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. "When we would get busy, we didn't know which phone was ringing or which frequency an aircraft was calling us on. Now everything is incorporated into one work space."

The single interface not only improves communications, it also contributes to flight safety.

Using the old system, controllers would use equipment at various stations in the tower, even while other controllers were working at the station. That made it a challenge to maintain situational awareness, which is vital to controlling air traffic, ac-



Photo byStaff Sgt. Adrian Cadi.

Senior Airman Natasha Allison and Staff Sgt. Lenn Bassett, 506th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron air traffic controllers, perform an operations check on new equipment in the control tower.

cording to Airman Miller.

"ETVS has streamlined our operations by ensuring that more of our attention and efforts are focused on the aircraft," he said. "Knowing where our aircraft are during all phases of flight is critical in this career field."

The Air Force and Navy collaborated on the project as part of a Department of Defense-wide initiative to upgrade air traffic control towers.

According to Don Sallee, Navy project manager for Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems, the upgrades were needed to replace "band-aid fixes" to tower equipment since the start of coalition flight operations at Kirkuk.

"Immediate communication mission needs were met with materials that maintenance personnel had on hand at the time," Mr. Sallee explained. "The result was functional, but it provided limited and less than optimal conditions to control aircraft movement."

In addition to keeping track of aircraft in the sky, the new equipment also allows for expansion and flexibility of mission requirements if needed.

"The new system can be rapidly and easily expanded to accommodate a significant increase in aircraft operations," said Mr. Sallee. "It is 100-percent mobile and can be disconnected and shipped out at a moments notice if necessary."

The installation, which took nearly four weeks to complete, has made a world of difference to the controllers.

"The ETVS provides air traffic controllers single-point, touch-screen access to communication lines and is a quantum leap forward from the equipment it replaced," said Maj. Gregory Hebert, the 506th EOSS commander, deployed here from Aviano Air Base, Italy. "When the time comes for the U.S. Air Force to leave Kirkuk, this state-of-the-art, user-friendly system will greatly simplify the transition to Iraqi aviation authorities."

According to project officials, engineers who installed the upgrades here will move on to other projects in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility — primarily in other parts of Iraq and in Afghanistan.

More Airmen eligible for Air Force Recognition Ribbon

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — More Airmen can wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon for winning service-level competitions and awards.

A recent change to an Air Force instruction allows members of small teams participating in events such as security forces' Defender Challenge, Air Mobility Command Rodeo or the William Tell competition at Air Combat Command to wear the decoration.

In the past, named individuals who received Air Force-level special trophies and awards listed in Air Force Instruction 36-2803 "The Air Force Awards and Decorations Program," could wear the ribbon. The instruction expanded Dec. 6 to include individual mem-

bers identified as part of a small team.

A small team is defined as below flight level. Examples include a team for a specific event, or an airlift or missile crew of the year, or a weapons load crew.

"These war-fighters have shown superior skills and abilities in Air Force-wide competitions, and deserve this recognition which says they and their team are the 'best in the Air Force'," said Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

"War-fighters from all branches of the military benefit from these talented Airmen, regardless if it's work being done (using) mobility expertise, or striking targets. We have the most professional, the most competent, and the most lethal Air Force ever. Incorporating these honed war-fighting skills, problem-solving methods, and understanding of tactics into operational war-fighting scenarios, competitions and composite force training pays huge dividends to the force as a whole ... Recognizing their professionalism and excellence is most appropriate," General Moseley said.

"This ribbon will be awarded to individuals and teams at competitions like AMC's Rodeo, ACC's Gunsmoke and William Tell. These are perfect opportunities to showcase America's air and space power and to recognize the finest Airmen who have ever worn the uniform of the United States Air Force," he said.

According to Maj. Dan Anderson, Air Force chief of recognition and commanders' programs,

the determining factor in eligibility is either individual achievement or achievement of a small team where the contribution of the member was integral to the success, as opposed to organizational groups where an individual contribution could vary widely.

Awards must be earned via a competitive process. Winners in private organization competitions must be nominated by the Air Force and have won in an Air Force-wide competition.

Although the official implementation date for policy change was Dec. 6, eligibility under the revised criteria is retroactive to the inception date of the ribbon.

The complete instruction governing the ribbon, AFI 36-2805, "Special Trophies and Awards," is being revised to reflect the recent change.

AROUND YOUR AIR FORCE

Fire caused Predator crash

A fire caused an MQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle to crash while supporting operations near Balad Air Base, Iraq, on Aug. 17, according to an Air Force report released Dec. 29.

A misrouted oil line failed and leaked oil into the engine bay causing a fire, which spread and ultimately made the aircraft uncontrollable.

The Predator, assigned to the 15th Reconnaissance Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., was valued at \$4.2 million and destroyed upon impact. There were no injuries or damage to other property or equipment.

AF team to aid Secret Service during inauguration

When President Bush is inaugurated Jan. 20, an Air Force Communications Agency team will be there, and elsewhere, supporting the U.S. Secret Service.

Agency officials started providing communications support for the 2004

presidential campaign two years ago. Since then, the 52 people of the Air Force Protective Communications Support Team have been in high gear.

The team provides essential protective communications support to the U.S. Secret Service for the protection of the president, vice president, presidential candidates and former presidents, and for foreign dignitaries visiting the United States and United Nations.

They also provide technical assistance for evaluation, maintenance and upgrade of U.S. Secret Service communications systems at 135 field offices nationwide, and they support international and special events.

With the enactment of the Presidential Protection Act in 1968, the Department of Defense has been directed to augment the U.S. Secret Service's efforts in protecting major presidential and vice presidential candidates.

This involvement provides opportunities for people like Staff Sgt. Harley

Rosemore, a logistics crew chief from the 48th Intelligence Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

He was on temporary duty for 45 days during the presidential election, working with the team. This included training here and setting up the security room and command post for Sen. John Kerry's visits to Spring Green, Wis., and Orlando, Fla.

The staff sergeant also set up the security room and command post for Sen. John Edwards' visits to Southfield, Mich., and Westminster, Colo.

Since 2003, the team has served a combined 2,300 days supporting a variety of missions including party conventions, the protective radio infrastructure, small political events around the country, as well as former President Reagan's funeral in June

"We've been very busy providing crucial support to the U.S. Secret Service," said Senior Master Sgt. Gary Swanson, the team's leader, "and we will continue to provide top-notch support all the way."





By Tech. Sgt. Rusty Schmidt

407th AEG Ground Safety

If you are one of the fortunate individuals that are able to get into a vehicle and go to the BX/PX, or DFAC or just to work, consider yourself lucky.

Many people don't have that privilege and have to take the bus or ask other personnel for rides. Driving a vehicle on Tallil is not a right, it's a privilege.

In order to keep your driving privilages, it's best to know the 'rules of the road' for driving here at Tallil Air Base.

Seatbelt use – Seatbelt use on Tallil and while in any motor vehicle is required. No matter if you have your IPE gear on or not, you are required to wear your seatbelt.

The consequences of not wearing your seatbelt could result in you losing your driv-

ing privileges on the installation for the rest of your tour.

I know some people think since Security Forces aren't doing law enforcement duties here, who's going to take my keys?

Well Safety, any First Sergeant, any NCO or any Commander have the authority to stop you. The bottom line is buckle up for your safety.

Speed – The speed limit on the installation is 20mph unless otherwise posted. The reason for the speed limit is for everyone's safety. At this speed you have enough time to react to most situations that may just pop out from a side street or a pedestrian that just walks out into traffic.

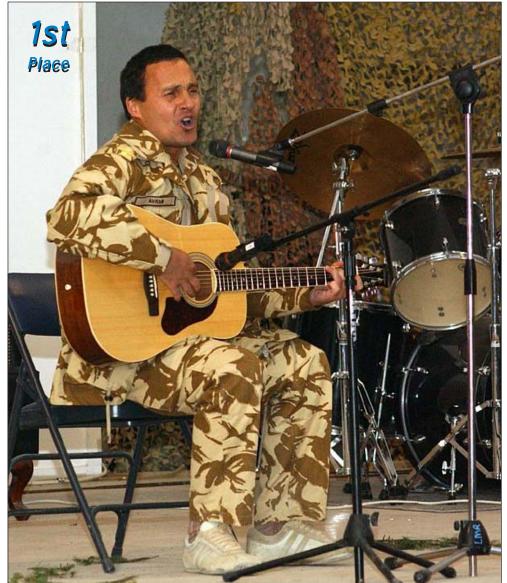
Pick-ups – When riding in the back of pick-ups you're required to sit in the bed of the pick-up, not on bags or the wheel well but fully seated in the bed of the pick-up.

The driver is ultimately responsible for what the passengers do in his/her vehicle, but just because your not the driver doesn't mean you have to just sit by and watch the rules be broken. You can A.C.T. – Assess the risk, Consider control measures, and Take appropriate action.

Stop Signs – A stop sign is a stop sign no mater of it's color or shape. While here you may notice various different colored and shaped stopped signs. No matter the color or shape you must stop. Always know what the other guy is going to do. When at a four way stop make sure the other guy is going to stop before you proceed.

The key to survival when driving in the AOR is to be a defensive driver, and to obey all the rules of the road. Everyone wants to go home but let's make sure we all go home the right way, alive and in perfect health.















Base populace puts talent (or lack there of) on display at Big Top

Seventeen acts vied for fame, fortune and the coveted title of Tallil Idol at the basewide talent show held in the Big Top Dec 31.

Acts from Air Force, Army and coalition units dazzled the audience, and even occasionally impressed the so-called celebrity panel of experts who judged the event

More than 350 people from across Tallil Air Base attended the event as the Romanian Army's "Marius" took first place with "Grace" placing second and "Chadillac & the Devilles" taking third.



407th AEG Warrior of the Week **SSgt Shonta Holloway**



Unit: 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron Home unit: 375 Services Sq., Scott AFB, Ill. Why other warriors say she's a warrior:

SSgt Shonta Holloway touches the lives of all assigned personnel through outstanding customer service at the Hot Spot and Big Top. She was the lone POC and devoted many hours to ensure the base's Christmas and New Year's Eve parties were a resounding success. She worked with the Army DFAC to coordinate a larger variety of items for the continental breakfast. She is the epitome of morale at Tallil Air Base.



KNOW WHAT THIS IS? Each week, the "Tallil Times" staff takes a photo from around Tallil AB. If you can identify the object or item, shoot us an e-mail at: tallil.times@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil. with "Identify This" in the subject block. The winner receives a prize and gets their name printed in the Tallil Times. Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Travis Hoisington for correctly identifying the photo in last week's newspaper of the chair wheel.

Wild Iraqi Safari

Barn Owl



Barn Owl, or is that "Hangar Owl"?
Tallil AB has at least two resident barn owls. The two we've seen share a hangar with two species of bats and a squadron of Air Force air traffic controllers.

Behavior: Barn owls are known for their amazing ability to capture prey in complete darkness. Some specific adaptations account for this ability. First, with asymmetrically placed ears and an extremely acute sense of hearing, the barn owls can locate prey in the pitch black of

night. In fact the barn owl's striking appearance is due to an adaptation to enhance it's hearing. The feathers framing the owl's face form a dish-like reflector for sound waves. In addition to superb hearing, the owls have excellent low-light vision. Finally, the owl's wings have specialized feathers to muffle the sound of its flight. Thus, after locating its prey, the owl can swoop in undetected and without interfering with its own sensitive hearing. To further protect the ears, the barn owls have movable feathered-covered

flaps to seal their ears. The owl's prey consists primarily of rodents. On Tallil that means birds, gerbils and mice. If the hunting's good, barn owls will pair up to rear a brood of chicks. While incubating the eggs, the female is fed by the male. Once the eggs hatch, the male brings

food to the nest but only the female feeds the chicks. **Distribution:** Barn owls are found worldwide on every continent except Antarctica.

Did You Know? Barn owls are such efficient hunters that they spend much of their time loafing.

Nonetheless, barn owls live only two years on average.

Column courtesy of John Ploch, Vector Control, KBR contractor and Lt. Col John Putnam, 407th Leishmaniasis Surveillance and Investigation Team.



OUTANDABOUT



Worship services

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.

Sunday

8 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass 9:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant service 10 a.m. LDS service at the Army's Religious Activity Center 12:30 p.m. Air Force/Army Gospel service in the Big Top

6 p.m. Contemporary choir rehearsal 7 p.m. Contemporary worship service

Monday

6:30 p.m. Gospel service prayer time in the chapel resource trailer 6 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal in the Big Top

7 p.m. Right of Christian Initiation of Adults in the Conference Room 7:15 p.m. Bible Book Study 8 p.m. Christian Discipleship Study, call Warrant Officer Russ Ramos at 445-2054 for details.

Wednesday

5 p.m. Catholic Choir rehearsal 6 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Catholic choir rehearsal

7 p.m. Right of Christian Initiation of Adults in the Conference Room 7 p.m. LDS study in the Army Religious Activity Center 7:45 p.m. Gospel service Bible

Friday

11:45 a.m. Islamic prayer at the RAC, call 833-1154 for info 6 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal

Saturday

6 p.m. Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Contemporary choir



ESVS Presents Just for fun

Tonight, Combat Bingo at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Top

Saturday, Ping Pong at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dominoes at 2 p.m.

Monday, Foosball at 8 p.m.

> Tuesday, Darts at 8 p.m.



Wednesday, Rummy, 8 p.m. Hearts at midnight

January 7th,

Combat Bingo at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Top





Noon, Harry Potter 3 8 p.m., Sideways Midnight, Sideways

Saturday

Noon, Harry Potter 3 8 p.m., The Bourne Supremacy Midnight, The Bourne Supremacy

Sunday

Noon, Anacondas 8 p.m., The Cookout Midnight, The Cookout

Monday

Noon, Wimbledon 8 p.m., Troy Midnight, Troy

Tuesday

Noon, Hero 8 p.m., Open Water Midnight, Open Water

Wednesday

Noon, Catwoman 8 p.m., Harry Potter 3 Midnight, Harry Potter 3

Thursday

Noon, Sideways 8 p.m., The Bourne Supremacy Midnight, The Bourne Supremacy

January 14th

Noon, Thunderbirds 8 p.m., Exorcist: The Beginning Midnight, Exorcist: The Beginning





Photo by Airman 1st Class Jeff Andrejcik

Airmen from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron pull together during the tug-of-war event held as part of unit sports day Saturday. Units from around Tallil Air Base competed in the 10 event competition with the 407th Civil Engineer Squadron taking the large unit trophy and ESVS winning for the small units.

ESVS, ECES take titles on Sports Day

By Master Sgt. Don Perrien

407th AEG Public Affairs

The 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron and 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron hoisted the small unit and large unit trophies following the New Year's Sports Day competition held Saturday.

The Civil Engineers led the way for the large units and overall with 175 points in the 10 events. CE took the top spot in three events, Dodgeball, Sit-ups and Horseshoes, cementing their victory.

Services paced the small units with 135 points, including a win in the 5/10 K run.

The CE and SVS triumphs broke a sting of two straight victories for the EMEDS and VMAQ/2 Marine units in Sports Day competitions.

This event marked the last Sports Day for the current rotation, but the events are expected to be continued for the upcoming AEF 3/4 rotation.



Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. from the Big Top ... it's ... Saturday

Night

Live

At Tallil.

Come see some a cast of characters sing, dance and occasionally even amaze you as they perform their own unique brand of entertainment --your money back if not 100 % satisfied!

(Not that they would really give your money back, since admission is free, but really small text is funny!)